

(b) Amendments to the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, reflects all present changes and replaces all earlier listings:

1. -3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A top emission display device comprising in sequence:

- (a) a substrate;
- (b) an insulating layer;
- (c) a display region comprising ~~[[an]]~~ a plurality of organic EL

~~element which~~ elements and an element separating portion between adjacent organic EL elements, each said organic EL element comprises, in sequence, beginning from the insulating layer, (i) a lower electrode, (ii) an organic compound layer and (iii) a light extraction side upper electrode, said lower electrode and light extraction side upper electrode sandwiching said organic compound layer, said element separating portion covering a part of the lower electrode; and

(d) a protective layer covering the organic EL element, wherein the organic EL element is surrounded by the insulating layer and the protective layer.

5. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, wherein an end of the protective layer is in contact with the insulating layer.

6. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4 wherein the insulating layer is in contact with the lower electrode.

7. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the insulating layer is not provided at an edge of the substrate.

8. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the protective layer is provided extending outside the insulating layer.

9. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the organic EL element is connected to a TFT.

10. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the upper electrode is ITO.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the element separating ~~portion~~ ~~porting~~ is SiN.

14. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 4, wherein the element separating portion is polyamide or acrylic resin.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 4, further comprising an element separating portion covering layer which covers the element separating portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 4, further comprising, between the substrate and the insulating layer, a flattening insulating film and a second insulating layer.